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SUBJ: CIVIL AVIATION -- AIR PANAMA ALLOCATION OF
JET FUEL

REF: BLACKEN-STEIN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF
FEBRUARY 6

1. FOLLOWING REFERENCED TELCON, DEPOFF TELEPHONED
CHEVRON DISTRIBUTOR AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AND CONFIRMED SUBSTANCE OF REFERENCED CONVERSATION.
DEPARTMENT OFFICER REQUESTED CHEVRON ASSISTANCE
IN MAKING AVAILABLE TO AIR PANAMA FUEL TO ENABLE FLIGHT
TO RETURN TO PANAMA MORNING FEBRUARY 7. HE ALSO
POINTED OUT THAT PLANE WAS CARRYING JOURNALISTS TO
COVER SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PANAMA. CHEVRON MIAMI
MANAGER INDICATED HE COULD NOT ACT WITHOUT WRITTEN
INSTRUCTIONS FROM COMPANY HEADQUARTERS. HE INDICATED
CHEVRON HAD ONLY APPROXIMATELY 600 GALLONS OF FUEL
LEFT AT MIAMI FOR AIR PANAMA. AFTER SECOND CALL BY
DEPARTMENT, CHEVRON MIAMI MANAGER INFORMED US THAT
"ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE TO SUPPLY AIR PANAMA
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FLIGHT TO ENABLE IT TO RETURN TO PANAMA."

2. FEBRUARY 7 DEPARTMENT LEARNED FEDERAL ENERGY
OFFICE'S AUTHORITY TO ADJUST BASIC FUEL ALLOCATION

FOR HARDSHIP CASES HAD BEEN CHALLENGED BY CHEVRON.

PENDING POLICY DECISION WITHIN FEO NO ORDER COULD
BE ISSUED TO CHEVRON TO ADJUST OR INCREASE AIR
PANAMA'S ALLOCATION BASE. FEBRUARY 8 DEPARTMENT WAS
INFORMED FEO HAD DECIDED IT HAD PROPER AUTHORITY
AND SUBSEQUENTLY WOULD ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS IN COURSE
OF THE DAY TO CHEVRON THAT AIR PANAMA'S BASE WOULD
BE ADJUSTED TO 121,000 GALLONS FOR FEBRUARY BASED
UPON AVERAGE 1973 MONTHLY USAGE. DEPARTMENT HAS
INFORMED AIR PANAMA'S LAWYER FOREGOING INFORMATION.
EMBASSY MAY WISH INFORM INTERESTED PANAMANIAN OFFICIALS.

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